Governor's Message.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and House of Representatives.

In communicating with you in conformity with the Constitution, on your assem-bling to discharge the responsible duties confided to you by the people of Ohio; I take pleasure in congratulating you on the happy condition of our country. A general view of the affairs of the people cannot fail to impress the mind with sentiments of gratitude to the Omnipotent Dispenser of all good, for the signal blessings of his Providence, which have, with little variation been continued to us during the vicissitudes of the past year.

Although agricultural pursuit have, in some sections of the State, partially suffered from the effects of the late frosts and drouth during the past senson, yet the labors of the husbandmen have been crowned with adundance. Health, tranquility, and prosperity, have continued to reign within our borders. The march of improvement in the State has continued to progress with its usual facility, and individual happiness has continued to reward the private virtue and enterprise of our citi-

The laws have been executed during the ast year with fidelity, and each department the duly performed its appropriate functions. In accordance with the laws, a full and detailed account of of the several departments, will be laid before you.

The state of the finances for the year ending Nov. 15th, 1845, is as follows, to wit:

The amount in the Treasury on the 15th
Nov. 1844, was \$132,822 17 Nov. 1844, was \$1 The amount of revenue received from o-ther sources than taxes and tolls on 154,532 97

State improvements, is Belance of School Fund re-maining in the Treasury on the 15th Nov. 1844, maning in the Treasury on the 15th Nov. 1844, \$35,672 16 Balance of Common School Fund rec'd for taxes, &c. Amount of School Fund ari-sing from interest on surplus revenue, loaned to counties 98,323 90

revenue, loaned to counties 98,323
Amount arising from sait spring lands, &c.

Total amount of School Fund
Canal tax collected during the year.
Canal tolls received during the year,
Turnpike dividends received,
Dividends on canal stock 5.807 85 \$231,775 56 726,343 49 Turnpike dividends received,
Dividends on canal stock,
Amount transferred from general revenue, being tax for canal purposes,
The amount applicable to the payment of
repairs on the Public Works, and interest on the funded debt,
Amount of interest on Foreign and Domestic Debt.

1,230,239 15 Amount of interest on Foreign and Di-mestic Debs,
Disbursements during the year,
Amount of tolls received on the Western
Reserve and Maumee Road,
This last sum will be expended in the 1,172,444 69

extension of the road.
The amount remaining in the Treasury
15th Nov. 1845. 86,942 62 The tolls received on the National Road during the year, Amount paid for repairs and

other expenses.

Bal. in favor of National Road

The aggregate amount of the valuation of taxable property on the grand levy for the year 1845, is 25,892 03

The rate of taxation for State purposes is one mill on the dollar. For Canal purposes 54 mills. Common School purposes 14 mills, and for county, township, and other local purposes, averaging 8 mills .-Making an aggregate of 15 mills on the

The aggregate amount of taxation levied for 1845, is 2,41
The amount of delinquency, 11: 112,890 18 3 The public improvements which belong to the State are now completed, except the branches of the Walhonding canal.

The aggregate cost of all the improvements own-ed by the State is \$15,577,233 18 Stocks in Canal and Turnpike Companies, 2,431,430 88
The amount invested by loans of credit in Rail-

road companies, Total amount of invest-747,132 00 ments in public improvements, In the year 1844 the product of this in-

544,949 84 canals has been reduced this year about \$30,000 below the annual amount receiv- coveries which have been made in the culed last year.

The debt of the State both foreign and domestic does not at this time vary much nent success been applied in some counfrom twenty millions of dollars. This is tries to the art of agriculture, by which a subject of deep solicitude to the people of this branch of industry has been greatly the State, and tends to augment the bur- elevated, the minds of those engaged in it hens of taxation. The debt has been contracted chiefly in the construction of our improvements, and at a time when the State was comparatively new and contributed towards the advancement of form any adequate conception. In the payment of the interest and the ulttmate lithe faith and honor of the State has hitherto, and will continue to be, sacredly preserved, and kept inviolate.

I cannot pass from this subject without expressing to you my conviction that sound policy forbids any increase of the liabilities of vigilantly turning our attention towards

part in 1856, a part in 1860, and a part in more immediately useful by being under 1870. With the ample means and ret the control of the State Government. sources of the State, the payments of these was punctually paid during the last season. of the manufacturing and commercial inthe Trustees of the College, and their sucdeeply to be lamented; and this occurrence ceive a larger number.

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In May last, the authorities of the United assumed special importance, from the fact.

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SENTINET.

RAYENNA, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1845.

"The Constitution-The Safeguard of our Federal Compact."-James K. Polk.

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character, end a tedious existence as he cemmenced it.

Already are twenty-one Banks doing business under the provision of the new law, and two more have complied with the requisitions of the law, and will in # few days go into operation. And already do the people of Ohio begin to feel the influence of this system in the restoration of confidence, the revival of business, the increase of the wages of labor, and the rising prosperity of the State. A Banking system which secures to the people a good medium of exchange, convertible at all times into gold and silver on demand. is evidence of an advanced state of civilization, of the prosperity of commerce, and of the progressive improvement of the coun-Agriculture, being the most important

branch of industry in this State, and furnishing more extensive employment to our citizens than any other pursuit, cannot receive too much attention and encouragement from the Government. Ohio is peculiarly adapted by nature to this first and most important occupation of man. With a territory of more than forty thousand square miles, the chief part of which is not only fitted for the purpose of cultivation, but composed of a soil remarkable for its the most essential, useful and valuable agricultural products, this State is capable of occupying a prominent position among the countries of the world, in the products of the soil. The elements of commercial and manufacturing industry in this State must continue to be chiefly dependent on the starfertility, as well as its peculiar adaption to continue to be chiefly dependent on the staple products of the soil. This great branch 2,411,588 48 1 of industry must, therefore, constitute the principal foundation of our prosperity. It is, therefore, a consideration of no ordinary import, that the attention of the people of this State should be directed with peculiar interest to the various improvements, and useful discoveries in the art of agriculture, and that the fostering hand of the Government should not be withheld from this most extensive pursuit of our people.

By neglect and unskillful tillage, nearly one half of the products of this great \$18,755,796 00 source of wealth and prosperity may be lost Already it is apparent in some parts of the State that a deterioration of the Owing to a partial failure in the wheat soil has taken place, and great want of crop in some sections of the State the past skill exists in the production of crops .summer, the revenue arising from the The agriculturalists in our State have not adopted those improvements and useful distivation of the soil. The lights of science and practical instructions have with emigreatly enlightened, and their labor rendered doubly productive.

It must be admitted by every enlightened mind, that scientific knowledge is as destitute of the means and ample resour- important in the improvement of agriculces which it now possesses. Of the exture as it is in the manufacturing or the tent to which these improvements have mechanic arts. We learn from reliable sources, that agricultural schools have been State, and the development of the resour- established in some parts of Europe, with ces of the country, it would be difficult to highly beneficial results, and that improved methods have been adopted, by which an average crop has been increased from 12 quidation of the principal of this debt, to 14 bushels per acre to 26 to 30, and in some choice soils as great as 45 and 50

bushels to the acre have been raised. I commend this subject to your special attention and regard, and submit to your consideration, whether important and most beneficial results might not be derived from of the State, and enjoins upon us the duty the establishment and most efficient management of an agricultural department unthe liquidation of the existing public debt. der the patronage of the government. A The original creation of this debt was proposition for a similar department under only justified by the peculiar situation of the General Government was once zealthe State, and the imperative necessity at ously urged by President Washington, upthe time, for aid of government in the on the attention of Congress, Under the construction of public improvements. A existing state of affairs, it is probable that part of this debt will full due in 1850, a an institution of this character could be

liabilities can and doubtless will, be punc- in this State must be dependent on the an enlargement of the college edifice is tually met without difficulty. The interest prosperity of agricultural pursuits, yet greatly needed. A relinquishment of the on this debt which falls due semi-annually, the agricultural cannot be independent property of the State in the institution, to

The important and long discussed question of Banks and the currency was settion of Banks and the currency was settion of Banks and the currency was setting the tendency of the State with any company or local institution, is founded on an erroneous principle, and proves prediging on erroneous principle, and proves prediging of the states, should actually violate the four consideration the propriety of after ample consideration, and a faithful examination of other avisings which our people possess, scarced to be equal to the anteripations of its friends, and the necessities of the people of the State, and as a people of the State with any company or local institution, is founded on an erroneous principle, and proves prediging the fire and proves prediging the fire removes principle, and proves prediging the fire and the cours which originates from and is governed by the popular will, and must acknowledge the necessity of the state, and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people possess, scarced and a faithful examination of other avisions which be equal to the active and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people possess, scarced to be equal to the active and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people possess, scarced to be equal to the active and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people possess, scarced to be equal to the active and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people possess, scarced to be equal to the active and uniting spirit of enterprise which our people p

In those countries where despotism prevails more than call your attention to former of the popular voice through the medium to the greatest extent, and where the la- Executive Communications. The im- of the ballot box. So far as laws can corthe finances of the State, and the condition boring classes of the people are the most portance of a liberal and thorough sys- rect this evil, it is the duty of the Legisoppressed, Banks of issue are not known. tem of education cannot be too highly latare to provide effectual remedies. Much Hence it is, in these countries, that the man who is indigent in early life, whatev- people, and the future destiny of our free election law of 1841, to preserve the puer may be his native ability and energy of institutions, are in no small degree de- rity of elections; but there still remains pendent upon it. It is perhaps a matter avenues unclosed, through which at a time of no little surprise, that hitherto sub- of popular excitement, illegal votes are jects of mere temporary, and compara- conveyed into the ballot box. The registively inconsiderable interest, have oc- try law passed at the last session, which cupied the attention of the Legislature, operates only in some of our cities and to the great neglect of a subject of such large towns, has been salutary in its opeimmense importance as this, not only to ration. the great body of people at the present I respectfully smbmit to your considera period, but also to future generatious. It tion the expediency of extending the provisions of this law in some form, to all the expedience of the source of fected, by our present system of common schools. But even a superficial consecuency which should be guard observer must admit that it is very de-ficient, and, for want of energy and ef-ercise of the elective franchise Legislation ficiency, has utterly failed to meet the expectations of its friends. The example of other States has taught us, that it is within the power of the Legislature to adopt measures which will bring the system of common schools to a high degree of perfection.

> a State Board of Education, and the ap- demoralizing in its tendency, and corrupting pointment of a competent and suitable in its influence. It brings the consideration person as a State Superintendent of of property to bear directly in its influperson as a State Superintendent of ence on the elective franchise. It is true that common School: and also, the adoption one of the great purposes of governments is of measures that will give more energy and efficiency to the county and school district supervision, and management of ement of political power. The practice of bet the system. Among the liberal and en-lightened persons in Ohio, who enterwithout any charge for their services. In a matter, however, of such magnitude, and enduring public interest as that of ing and utterly disregarded. The Grand Juimproving the means of common school ries of the State have become derelict in their education, neither pecuniary consideraeducation, neither pecuniary considerations, nor party feelings, nor local or wectional views, should be permitted to interfere. While thousands and millions are annually expended to minister to the tice, and public sentiment in this respect is taste, and vanity and pride of mankind, traveling the downward road to corruption. the appropriation of the comparatively I carnestly solicit your attention to this growsmall sum requisite for improving and ing evil. If mild penal enactments be ineffected in the means of cultivating the intellect, and training the virtues of the youth of the State, can certainly be no obstacle in the way. By the means suggested, I humbly conceive that great chised If it be proper to punish a man by impublic interest can be awakened among prisonment in the penitentiary who knowingly the people of the State on the subject of and unlawfully puts an illegal vote into the ed methods of instruction processes, the bribery. furnished to every school district, the bribery.
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> A difficulty has arisen between this State of Virginia, which I deem propdegree of perfection.

The Miami University, at Oxford, and the Ohio University at Athens, are institutions which have been in a manner placed under the guardiauship of the State, of land from the General Government .-The tormer is in a prosperous condition, and is accomplishing the useful purposes of the institution. But the Ohio University owing to pecuniary embarrassments, and other causes, not perhaps very well understood, has partially suspended operations. The difficulties in the management of this institution are of some standing; and for some years it has been failing to accomplish the high objects of its creation. It is not improbable that the difficulties which have blighted its prosperity, have had their origin in the fact that the interests of the lessees of the college lands, in eration; in order that you may enquire into the causes of its failure and devise a remedy for the evil.

The Medical College, at Cincinnati, under the control of the Legislature, is in a prosperous condition and managed with Although manufactures and commerce eminent skill and ability. It is said that

It is an undeniable fact that the practice of I respectfully commend to your con- betting on elections has become an evil of no sideration the expediency of establishing inconsiderable magnitude. The practice is

obstacle in the way. By the means perpetrators of theact, upon conviction, disfraneducation, the necessary discipline adop ballot box (which is the case in this State,) ted and put into practice, information on the cubicat of the best and most improve iffiction of a similar punishment upon an indithe subject of the best and most improvidual who procures votes through the cor-ed methods of instruction procured and rptuing influence of betting or any species of subject of prison labor.

proved, and the system brought to a high and the State of Virginia, which I deem proper to bring to your attention. In the month of July last, three citizens of Ohio, alleged to have be n engaged in aiding the escape of some fugitive slaves, were captured in the county of Washington in this State, without the authority of law, by a company of armed and richly endowed by extensive donations men from the State of Virginia, and forcibly lence and invasion of the rights of citizens of excitement, and endanger the peace and har- the terms of service of a considerable number mony of the two States. Pains were taken to have expired during the year. allay the excitement, and prevent any further disturbance of the peace, on the ground that the rights of citizens, and upon the civil authorities of this State, was the act of lawless individuals without the sanction of the state of Virginia, and that an ample redress could be obtained by a peacable resort to judicial proceedings. Accordingly the case was prescuted to the Grand Jury of Washington the midst of which the University is loca- county, at the September term of the Court, ted, have conflicted with the interests of and indictments regularly returned against the institution. I earnestly commend the the offenders. A special agent was despatchcondition of this institution to your considered to Richmond with a requisition, made in their surrender as fugitives from the justice of Ohio, and I regret to say, that after some weeks delay, the Governor of Virginia deemed it proper on his part to refuse the order for the arrest and surrender of the aggressors. The proceedings under the requisition can be more fully seen by a reference to a corres-

pondence on file in the executive office. Anything calculated to endanger the har mony and friendly intercourse of adjacent and

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The is a mutuality of dependence to make the pecessary additions to likely to occasion similar outrages in future. Where free and slave States are contiguous, markets must always be more or less crease the debt of the State, and as a perity is natural for the slave to make efforts to

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on the northwest side of the Ohio River, and of which he has obtained. As this is a matter the authorities of Virginia have set up a much importance in preserving avidence. claim of jurisdiction over the soil where the bulles to real estate in a capture occurred. It was supposed that the due attention at your hands.

The necessity for the construction of new Pub. hio River only, and therefore claims jurisdicsome fixed an certain line be known as the boundary; and this the decision of the supreme judicial tribunal of the country has distinc'ly defined, under the construction of the original cession of 1785, to be at law water

should belong to the opposite shore. The principle that a country bounded by the shore of a river extends to low water mark, is so natural and convertent as to have secured gene ral adoption. The claim of jurisdiction for Virginia, however, here set up, extends as it seems, not only over the river, but also on the bank on this side.

The decision of the Court referred to, goes further, and recognizes the right acquired by the compact with Virginia, under which Kentucky became a State, which stipulates that the navigation of, and jurisdiction over the river, should be concurrent between the new State, and the State which possesed the op-

exist that the captured citizens were kidnapped and violently abducted from the jurisdiction of Ohio, and that a due regard for the honor of the state, as well as justice to the injured citizens, demands reparation for the

wrong.
Should the Executive of Virginia persist in his relusal to surrender the aggressors, that state will assume the responsibility of the outrage perpetrated by those lawless persons upon the rights and jurisdiction of Ohio; and if this outrage be submitted to, on the part of Ohio, it may be made a precedent for future Thomas Hale's insult and wrong. In the mean time, I respectfully submit to your consideration the propri-ety of adopting effective measures to prevent William Case's a similar invasion of the rights of the citizens of Ohio.

George W. Hogue's do do do Reuben Hart, Guard'n, to Harriet H. Law,

I deem it my duty again to call your attention to the laws which unjustly oppress and degrade our colored population. It seems Jennings, settlement.

The Penitentiary of the state, has during the year been conducted with skill, prudence, and economy. The system of prison discipline which has been vigilantly adhered to, and that he finds the vouchers sufficient, has been well calculated to secure the objects. Ordered that said accounts and reports and tended to degrade their pursuits. So for any of said accounts and reports be given by as practicable, without a violation of old pristing publication, by said Clerk, pursuant to the on contracts for prison labor, the employment Statute in such case made and provided. of the convict has very properly, as well as profitably been directed to those objects which do not conflict with the interests of any of the exirting mechanical pursuits of the state. Since my last communication to the Legislature, I have seen no reason to justifya change of my views then expressed on the

The finances of the institution for the cur rent year shows the following result. Accruing revenue,

Disbursements during the year, 24,525,00

Leaving a balance in favor of the 12,025,00 institution of The number of convicts on the 1st of November, 1844, was 464. The number of convicts received during the past year, was 156. The number of convicts in prison on the 1st abducted from Ohio and incarcerated in the of November, 1845 was 471. Four convicts jail of Wood county Virginia, to answer to a escaped during the present year, Thirteen died criminal charge. This open resort to vio- by disease and two by accident. Some have been discharged by writs of error from the our State, was calculated to produce much Supreme Court some have been pardoned, and

The benevolent institutions of the state, located at Columbus, consisting of the Lunatic the transaction, although an outrage upon Assylum, the Assylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, and the Assylum for the Education of the Blind, are all in a highly flourishing condition, and each of them has been conducted during the past year with eminent skill and efficiency. These institut- & Palmyra on the premises, will be suld to the ions are highly creditable to the people of highest bidder, the following real estate as Ohio and co stitute living and enduring evi- the property of James Hazzard, deceased; to dences of the enlightened and humane spirit wit; situate in Palmyra, Portage county, on

The number of the patients in the Lanatic As- Township 45 17 100 acres, less 35 100 qui of of the age. ylum on the 15th November last, was 224; of which 125 were males and 89 females. After the new addition to the edifice of the institution, which is in progress of construction shall be com-pleted, it will be sufficient to accommodate the number of about 350 of this afflicted portion of our fellow creatures. The number of pupils in the Asylum, for the education of the Dear, and Dumb is about 100. When the addition to the buildings of this institution which is in proges shall be completed, the number of abo can probably be accommodated. In the Asylum for the education of the blind, there are seventy

States, at Washington, removed the office of Sur-States, at Washington, removed the office of Surveyor General from Cincionate, in this State the Detroit in Michigan. In this office, were all the original records, maps and field notes, pertaining to the original surveys of the lands of Ohio. On receiving information of the removal of this office. I made application to the officera of the General Government for a transfer to this State of the records, many decreases. State, of the records, maps, documents &c, in the Surveyor General's office, so far as they related to the eriginal surveys and tales to lands in Ohio. In accordance with my request, the transfer was made in August, and the records, maps, field notes &c., were committed to the charge of Samuel Williams, E.q., of Concinnati, who now holds the same, subject to the order of the General

Assembly.
It will be necessary to create a State office of It will be necessary to create a State office of Surveyor General, or otherwise provide for the performance of the duties, and the preservation of the records and papers, so that copies of the field notes, records, and other dycuments relative to our land titles, can be furnished and authenticated, as competent evidence, under the certificate of a State officer.

The documents, records, &c., received from the righ's of any of the citizens of the sister states, the laws of the country give ample sedices, to be performed of such a character, that they cannot properly be annexed to any of the existing officers of the State. Lauthorized Mr. Williams In the present case, a question of jurisdiction has been raised. The citizens of Ohio to procure a sequente set of Surveyor's instrution has been captured, were on the bank, ments, agreeing with those which have been who have been captured, were on the bank, used, as a standard in the original office, a part the authorities of Virginia have set up a much importance, in preserving evidence of the claim of jurisdiction over the soil where the vitles to real estate in Ohio. I trust it will receive

States, made in 1820 had definitely and finally settled this question of boundary between States, each holds to the middle of the strain; but Virginia having been the original providence, ceded the territory north west of the Ostate, and public opinion, alke etor, ceded the territory north west of the Ostate, and public opinion, alke etor, ceded the territory north west of the Ostate, and public opinion, alke etor, ceded the territory north west of the Ostate, and public opinion, alke etor, ceded the territory north west of the Ostate, and public opinion. should be no longer suspen led. The subject is worthy of your immediate attention, and I trust

will not be overlooked.

In the discharge of the various and responsible duties of the pre ent session, I indulge the fullest confidence that your deliberations will be marked by wisdom, and guided by a patriotic regard for the rights and interests of the people of the State. mark, on this side of the river.

It never could have been designed that a narrow strip of land on the beach of the river, should belong to the opposite shore. The prinharmony of action in our public councils. In conclusion, permit me to invoke the Supreme Ru-ler of the Universe th direct your deliberations in the spirit of conciliation and disinterestedness, and to signalize them in the advancement of the

prosperity and welfare of the people.

M. BARTLEY.

Columnos, December, 21 1845.

PROBATE NOTICE.

The State of Ohio. Court of Common Pleas Portuge County, ss. Nov. Term, A. D. 1845.

"l'ROBATE ACCOUNTS,
Darius Lyman, Esq. Master in Chancery of our said Court to whom, by a standing rule all Probate Accounts are referred for his examination and report, presents to the Court the accounts of the Executors and Administrators on the following estates and of the following Guardians, to wit: Solomon Jennings' Estate, Final settlement.

Charles Gaylord's do do William Ruggles' Nicholas Shank's James Wilcox's Jona'n. I. Baldwin's do Charles B. Storrs' Fitch K. Collins' James Douglass' do & div'd do Thomas Tupper's do

settlement.

prodicus Loveman, Guard'n, to the heirs of Alpheus Streator, settlement. Albert Brocket, Guard'a. to the heirs of Jonah Hine, settlement.

On which said accounts the said Master reports the amount of assets, the moneys paid Ordered that said accounts and reports be of criminal punishment. Special regard has placed upon file in the office of the Clerk been paid to the complaint of a portion of our of our said Court and continued for the incitizens, who have perhaps with good cause, spection and exception of all persons interalleged that the system of prison labor create ested until the next term of our said Courted an unjust competition with their business. And is further ordered, that notice of the fil-A true copy from the Journal of said Court.

Attest, HORACE Y. BEEBE, Clerk. Dec. 1. 1845.

William B. Sawyer's Estate.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sub-scriber has been appointed and qualified as administrator on the estate of Win. B. Sawyer, late of Brimfield, Portage county, Ohio; dec'd. All persons indebted to said cetate are requested to make immediate pay-ment, and those having claims against said estate will present them within one year from this date for settlement. URIAH SAWYER, Ja.

Brimfield, Nov. 18th, 1845.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY ORDER OF COURT .- On the 20th day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises in Palmyra, will be sold to the highest bidder, the equitable interest be-longing to the Estate of Samuel Polin, descesed, to wit: in two hundred acres of Land on Lot. No. Eighty two (82) in said Township of Pa'myra, subject to the Dower estate of Mary l'olin therein.

WILLIAM N. MERWIN, Ad'str. of - Ravenna, Nov. 17, 1845. 4wes.

SALE O" REAL ESTATE BY ORDER OF COURT.—On the 20th day of December next, at one o'clock in the afternoon the South side of Lot number \$4, in anid

the south west corner of said Lot.

JANE HAZZARD, Executrix of JAMES HAZZARD.

Ravenna, Nov. 17, 1845, WANTED.

WHEAT, Corn. Oats, Buckwheat, Rye. Beans, Flax Seed, Feathers, Tallow. Cheese, Butter, and-CASH-at the Cash d rendy pay Store of GILLETT & CO.

AN extensive assortment of Plain and Fancy Cassimes. C. PRENTISS. CASSIMERES. O:t. 87, 1845.